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This website provides an accounting of the federal "economic stimulus" funds that are administered by the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs. Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 almost \$250 million was allocated to ADECA to encourage economic development, provide job training, conserve energy, support local law enforcement, assist crime victims, and prevent homelessness.

These programs have succeeded in creating and maintaining thousands of jobs, and workers across Alabama are advancing their careers through job training. More than 30,000 Alabamians received cash rebates for purchasing energy-efficient appliances, and thousands of homeowners have cut their utility bills because of weatherization measures funded by the Recovery Act. With support from ADECA, police and sheriffs' departments are making their communities safer and victims are receiving needed services. Local governments are making infrastructure improvements thanks to extra community development funds and many Alabamians remain in their homes thanks to the homeless prevention program.

ADECA is entrusted with federal and state resources that can significantly improve the quality of life in Alabama. Being open and fully accountable in the expenditure of these funds helps ensure that we discharge our responsibilities with the highest integrity and that we remain sharply focused on our mission: Building better Alabama communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jim Byard Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jim Byard, Jr.